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**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS
UNDER 35 USC § 371 AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

The Honorable Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US), dated 22 June 2000, Applicant respectfully submits a copy of the Notice and an executed Sole Declaration. Our check in the amount of \$240.00 is also attached to cover the late-filing surcharge for the executed declaration not accompanying the original application, and an one month extension of time for response, which is hereby requested. In the event any variance exists between the amount attached and the Patent and Trademark Office charges, please charge any additional fees required, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0773. A duplicate of this sheet is attached for that purpose.

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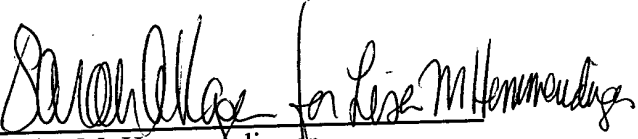
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Respectfully submitted,

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